

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0050

Child endangerment resulting in abuse or sexual assault.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Madden and Biteman and
Senator(s) Kinskey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating the crime
2 of child endangerment resulting in child abuse or sexual
3 assault; providing penalties; prohibiting disclosure of a
4 victim's identity as specified; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-4-403(c), (f) and by creating a new
10 subsection (m) is amended to read:

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12 **6-4-403. Abandoning or endangering children;**
13 **penalties; "child"; disclosure or publication of**
14 **identifying information; "minor victim".**

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1 (c) A person violating this section is guilty of a
2 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than
3 one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars
4 (\$1,000.00), or both. A person convicted of a second
5 violation of this section is guilty of a felony punishable
6 by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of
7 not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

8 This subsection does not apply to violations of subsection
9 (m) of this section.

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11 (f) Prior to the filing of an information or
12 indictment charging a violation of W.S. 6-4-403(b)(ii),
13 (iii) or ~~(v)(D) or (E)~~ (vi)(D) or (m), neither the name of
14 the person accused or the victim nor any other information
15 reasonably likely to disclose the identity of the victim
16 shall be released or negligently allowed to be released to
17 the public by any public employee, except as authorized by
18 the judge with jurisdiction over the criminal charges. The
19 name of the person accused may be released to the public to
20 aid or facilitate an arrest.

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22 (m) If a parent, guardian or custodian violates
23 paragraph (a)(ii) of this section and that violation

1 results in sexual assault, as defined in W.S.
2 6-2-301(a)(v), of the child or child abuse as provided in
3 W.S. 6-2-503, the person is guilty of a felony punishable
4 by:

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6 (i) For a first conviction, imprisonment for not
7 more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five
8 thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both;

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10 (ii) For a second or subsequent conviction,
11 imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of
12 not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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16 (END)